

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 633

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge Joe H. Walker on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge Joe H. Walker is one such noteworthy jurist who has served the good people of Tennessee with distinction as a Circuit Court Judge of the 25th Judicial District since 1990 and will soon take his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure on the bench, Judge Walker has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and the 25th Judicial District, which serves Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton counties; and

WHEREAS, Joe H. Walker received his bachelor's degree from Rhodes College in 1967 and his law degree from the University of Memphis in 1976; and

WHEREAS, a proud military veteran, Judge Walker rendered sterling service as a member of the United States Army, where he served in the infantry and was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking the bench, Judge Walker was a private practice attorney; he first gained judicial experience as a judge for the City of Ripley and later served as the Chancellor for the former 9th Chancery Division; and

WHEREAS, Judge Walker exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Joe Walker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his

fellow members of the bench and the bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Judge Joe H. Walker on his exemplary tenure as a Circuit Court Judge in the 25th Judicial District, applaud his commitment to justice and impartiality under the law, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.